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Occupants sustain minor injuries in two separate wrecks



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Above, the rear end of the chevy cavalier was hung up on a electrical pole. Menominee Tribal Investigators, Menominee County Sheriff's Deputies and the Wisconsin State Patrol were at the scene of the crash in Keshena for about 12 hours. At left, Police Chief William 'Kuzco' Beauprey looks over the lumina involved in the crash some 500 yards away. There was no significant damage done to St. Michael's Church.

By Yvonne M. Kaquatosh
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Two separate accidents took place within a few hours of each other on the Menominee Reservation early Tuesday morning. The first two-vehicle accident occurred at approximately 2:20 a.m. on Hwy. 47 in Keshena by St. Michael's Church, according to Scott Wouters, Criminal Investigator with the Menominee Tribe.

The vehicles, a teal blue chevy cavalier, and a black chevy lumina were both south bound on Hwy. 47 as

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Governor wants more progress on tribal sharing

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Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A tribal revenue-sharing provision in the latest gambling compacts negotiated between Wisconsin Indian tribes and the state so far has not been implemented, to the disappointment of Gov. Tommy Thompson, a spokesman says.

"The governor felt it was a fairness

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Former five-time Chairperson passes on

By the
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KESHENA, Wis. (AP) — Lucille B. Chapman, a five-time Menominee Indian tribal chairwoman, died of diabetes at her Keshena home, Sunday Oct. 24. She was 70.

Chapman was a member of the old tribal council from before 1961, her son Michael said.

Then, the tribe's federal trust status ended and the reservation became Menominee County. Chapman then was elected to the Menominee County Board.

After the tribe regained its federal trust status, in 1973, Chapman was elected to five one-year terms as chairperson between 1980 and 1990. She was later a legislative secretary.

Tribal attorney Rita Keshena called Chapman "a stabilizing force" after

the tribe's federal status was restored.

While serving as chairwoman, Chapman was a chief negotiator with the state to secure statutory recognition for tribal courts.

Chapman was born Feb. 20, 1929 in Menominee. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, and six children, Patricia of Wilmington, N.C.; Larry and Jerry, both of Keshena; Michael of Washington D.C.; Carrie Peters of Neopit; and Barbara Kakwiche of Keshena. An eulogy prepared by Tribal Attorney Rita Keshena, appears in this issue of *Menominee Nation News* on page 27.



Lucille Chapman

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issue," spokesman Kevin Keane said. "He had some discomfort seeing some tribes doing very well and other tribes struggling and their people struggling."

Thompson will be 'very aggressive' in enforcing the terms of the compacts negotiated the past two years as extensions of the previous seven-year compacts, Keane said. He would not be more specific.

The compacts' main feature is a requirement that the 11 tribes pay the state a total of \$24 million a year during the next five years. The state plans to spend that money primarily on economic and tourism development and a variety of social services.

The revenue-sharing provision was aimed at developing a method for wealthier tribes to share their proceeds with poor tribes, mainly in far northern Wisconsin.

A plan was supposed to be in place last February. "There's just been no progress," said Bobbi Webster, a spokesperson for the Oneida tribe.

"Our (tribal) council has so much on their plate right now that they really haven't had time to look at that issue."

"I hope it happens for the sake of the ones (tribes) that are out of the market," said Wendell Askenette, vice chairman of the Menominee tribe.

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determined by investigators at the scene.

A resident that lives in the vicinity of the accident said they heard a big crash "like something blew up."

Alice Peters, 25, was in the black car but has not admitted to driving the vehicle, said Wouters. Odawa Nowell, 20, of Shawano was the driver of the Cavalier. Richard Delabrué, 20, of Neopit was a passenger.

All three were treated at Shawano Community Hospital and released the same day.

The Lumina landed at the north end of the church while the rear end of the Chevy cavalier was hung up on a utility pole approximately 500 yards away off State Hwy. 47.

Traffic was rerouted on Hwy. 47 for the majority of the day while authorities reconstructed the scene of the accident. A Wisconsin State Highway Patrolman assisted with the effort.

Alcohol was involved and blood was drawn on all three individuals. The results will not be in for ten days said Wouters.

After further investigation, it appeared that the occupant in the Lumina was allegedly "bumping the Cavalier while both vehicles were traveling at a high rate of speed", said Wouters.

Both drivers were issued multiple citations.

The accident is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Menominee Tribal Police. Both federal and tribal charges are pending.

Meanwhile, another two car crash took place at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning near midway (between Neopit and Keshena) Officers arrived on scene at 7:05 a.m.

According to the Officer In Charge, David Wynos, Robert Tepiew, 19, was exiting his driveway, making a right turn on to Hwy. 47 when the van he was driving was struck by an oncoming vehicle heading south. Tepiew had two passengers in the van.

The driver of the 4-door sedan was Chauncey Webster, Jr. His wife, Joan Webster was also in the car.

The van incurred damage on the driver's side and on the front end while the car sustained front end damage.

No serious injuries were incurred by the occupants of either vehicle.

The accident is still under investigation to determine who was at fault. No citations were issued relating to the accident.

However, two passengers in the van were issued citations unrelated to the accident. Nora Brule, was issued a citation by Sgt. Chris Hughes of the Menominee County Sheriff's Department for permitting an unauthorized person to drive. Robert Tepiew was issued a citation by Officer Ken Cook for operating after revocation.

Patrolman Bill Uelmen was also on sight and assisted Wynos with the investigation. Officers Ken Cook and Sgt. Chris Hughes were on scene to assist with traffic control.

So far this year, there have been 5 fatalities on the Menominee reservation.

